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HOLE-EXPANDABILITY AND DUCTILITY**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 13, 2009, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith 1) a Petition for Extension of Time; 2) Appendix A: hole-expandability  $\lambda$  as a function of tensile strength TS.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.